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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DIA Request for GIANT SCALE Downgrading Action  
(National Academy of Sciences Environmental Studies)

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25X1A [redacted] DIA, personally delivered the attached DIA request (S-55, 149/DC-5C, dated 16 July 1973) to the undersigned this date for immediate action. After consultation with the Chairman, COMIREX, the request was approved and [redacted] so informed.

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[redacted]

Executive Secretary  
Committee on Imagery Requirements and Exploitation

Attachment

DIA review(s) completed.

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**DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE AGENCY**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

S-55,149/DC-5C

16 JUL 1973

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, COMMITTEE ON IMAGERY  
REQUIREMENTS AND EXPLOITATION**

**SUBJECT:** Downgrading of Selected Photography for National Academy of Sciences (NAS) Environmental Studies (U)

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**Reference:** Telephonic requests of 27 November 1972 and 5 January 1973 between [redacted], DIA and [redacted] CIA.

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1. (S) By referenced telephonic communications, DIA was granted authority to downgrade to FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY selected photography for use by the NAS Committee on the Effects of Herbicides in Vietnam. The Committee's report, as contracted with DoD under Public Law 91-441, is to be delivered to DoD in August 1973. The Committee has requested that one GIANT SCALE frame of photography [redacted] be declassified for public release as a part of the final report. Normal sanitization precautions will be taken prior to releasing these frames such as removal of fiducial marks, program identification, etc. With the numerous other photographic programs covering Southeast Asia and the lack of any source attribution, DIA considers that no security risks are involved.

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2. (S) In addition, the Committee has found it necessary to substantiate its findings with another study. As with the initial study, it is requested that selected GIANT SCALE photography of [redacted] be downgraded to FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY. It is necessary that the Committee be permitted to use this photography in lieu of on-site analysis because of limited access to those areas. The photography will be returned upon completion of the study to be recontrolled.

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3. (U) Owing to proximate deadlines, DIA requests this matter be given highest priority consideration.

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Assistant Deputy Director for Imagery  
Directorate for Collection and Surveillance

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EXEMPT FROM GENERAL DECLASSIFICATION

SCHEDULE OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 11652

EXEMPTION CATEGORY ..... 2 .....

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